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VIRGINIA MINERAL AND TIMBER SHOW

A Fine Exhibit of These
Products at the James-
town Exposition.

HAVE SPLENDID NEW BUILDING

Railroads and Mining Concerns
Have Displayed Great Interest
in the Matter of Collecting
and Installing Exhibits.
Entire State Is
Represented.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION
GROUNDS, July 13.—The Virginia Mineral and Timber Building, which is under the care of the Virginia Mineral and Timber Exhibit Association, of which Governor Swanson is president, has one of the most interesting and instructive collection of exhibits at the Jamestown Exposition. This building is the result of corporation association with enterprising public men and the people of various sections of the State, and was constructed without cost to the exposition or the State. It shows in the most conclusive manner the great timber and mineral resources of the State, and this valuable exhibit is also without expense to the State. The association was organized through the patriotic efforts of Governor Swanson and others, who called upon the railroad companies entering Virginia and industrial corporations to participate in the erection of the building and the collecting and placing of the exhibit. They readily responded. The association took up the task of presenting a thorough and truthful representation of the State's resources in timber, stones, clays and minerals, and has made an exhibit which will give Virginia wide advertising and attract to the various localities much capital.

In Center of Building.
The exhibit directly in charge of the association is largely placed in the center of the building. It is complete in every way. It shows the wonderful deposits of coal of various kinds and in various localities, the great coking industry, the iron ores of Virginia and Virginia pig iron, and other iron and steel products. There is a fine display of manganese, copper, zinc, gold and other ores, marbles, granites, building stones, clays, shales, glass sand, brick, slate, marble, talc, ochre, feldspar, asbestos, and other mineral products. The timber display shows all the commercial woods of the State.

County Exhibits.
The central exhibit made by the association is flanked by many county exhibits, displays by a great many mining, manufacturing and lumber companies and firms, and by John, Fernald, Wythe, Rockingham, Grayson, Botetourt, Craig, Roanoke and others. Wythe county shows limonite and brown hematite ores, manganese, zinc, ore, clay, lithia water, anthracite coal, etc. From Grayson county there are collections of kaolin, copper, zinc, manganese, iron ore, gold and silver, asbestos, soapstone and copper pyrites. From Washington county, slate, copper, shales, shales, plaster, granite and a splendid timber display. From Warren county, sandstone, copper, iron ore, etc. From Henry county, soapstone, schist, foliated iron ore, etc. From Botetourt county, lithograph stone, brown hematite ore, zinc ore, limestone and onyx. From Rockbridge county, marbles and hydraulic limestone. The Pulaski county space includes a fine road display by coal companies, building stones, iron ore, gold and silver, asbestos and timbers. The Bertha Mineral Company has a notable display, showing zinc ore, zinc pigs, model of the Bertha mine, etc. J. R. K. Bell has in this county display a timber exhibit showing fifty varieties of woods, and there are other notable timber exhibits.

Rockingham Products.
From Rockingham county there is shown anthracite coal, lead ore, onyx, shales and feldspar; from Montgomery county, slate, building stones and coal. The Virginia Anthracite Coal Company and the Merriman Coal Company both make fine displays. The latter shows in its space a model of the famous Merriman, or Virginia. There is also a mineral water display. Smyth county is well represented. There are zinc ores, limestones, iron ores, clays and galena. Marble and iron ores are shown from Giles county, iron ores from Craig county, Bland county, Highland and Bath counties, and copper ores from Halifax, Rappahannock and Tazewell counties. Bedford county has an exhibit granite, mica, clays, yellow ochre, iron ores and asbestos.

Covers Much Space.
The Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company, with headquarters at Bristol, makes a most interesting exhibit, covering a large space. There are nine views and coke ovens in wall paintings, a mine opening showing loaded coal cars at the entrance, huge blocks of coal, Tom's Creek Foundry and gas coke, iron ores, limonite, brown and red, and specular, used in the company's furnaces. Limestone, the pig iron product, etc. The Seaboard Copper Company, of the Virginia district, makes a good display of its ore, and the Virginia Company has many fine ore samples.

Fine Coal Exhibit.
The coal exhibit is very complete. It is seen in the various railway and county exhibits, and in the individual exhibits of mining companies. The Pocahontas Collieries Company has an exhibit of coal, showing blocks of coal, loaded dump cars, etc. There is a block weighing seven and a half tons, and a large coal pyramid, and pictures of

GROUP OF IMPORTANT BUILDINGS WHICH REPRESENT GROWTH OF FLOYD, A THRIVING TOWN IN SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINS



SOUTHERN ROADS SEEKING THE GULF

Want Outlets on Gulf of Mexico
to Command the Coming
Panama Trade.

SOUTH MUST REAP HARVEST

Geographically in Commanding
Position, Her Roads Must
Handle Canal Traffic.

COLUMBUS, GA., July 13.—While it may be true that "dirt is dying" in a very deliberate manner at the Panama canal, it is evident that the Southern Railroad have full confidence in the completion of the big project at a date not far distant in the future, judging by the manner in which they are seeking outlets on the Gulf of Mexico, so as to be in position to handle their share of the traffic that will make its way to the Pacific isles and the Orient via the canal.

The Pensacola and Northeastern railroad, which will be built at once from Pensacola, Fla., to Andalusia, Ala., will bridge an important gap, giving the Central of Georgia Railway system, with its over 2,000 miles of mileage, direct entrance into a Gulf port. The rumor that the Rock Island-Frisco system was the real purchaser of Central in its recent sale adds to the significance of the construction of this short link of less than 100 miles. At a meeting just held bids for the construction of the road were opened. The survey was made some time ago. No matter who is the owner of the Central, the filling of this short gap will have the effect of establishing a new through line to a Gulf port via Columbus.

Other Projected Lines.
The work of building the Birmingham, Columbus and St. Andrews Bay railroad, extending northward from St. Andrews Bay, on the Gulf of Mexico, is in progress between that port and Chipley, Fla. The road is to be built first to Columbus and then to Birmingham.

The Apalachicola Northern railroad, the Southern terminus of which is Apalachicola, Fla., another Gulf port, has been completed to the Georgia line. It is expected that this road will be built on northward to Columbus and Atlanta, Ga.

It is an acknowledged fact that Tampa, Fla., another port on the route to the big canal, is the ultimate terminus of the Georgia, Florida and Alabama railroad, extending from Cuthbert, Ga., to Carrabelle, Fla. The short gap between Columbus and Cuthbert will be filled in in short time.

Columbus Watching a Chance.
It is an interesting fact that Columbus, now recognized as one of the great manufacturing centers in the South, will be an important point on each one of these through lines to Panama via Gulf ports. Much of the output of local factories is sold in Pacific countries, and the completion of the canal will give a still greater impetus to manufacturing in this city. It is partly because of knowledge of this fact that the Columbus Power Company, a corporation backed by four million dollars of New England capital, is preparing to make such heavy investments here, developing 100,000 of horse power afforded by the falls of the Chattahoochee river near this city. The company already has three power plants in operation, furnishing electrical energy to many industries.

COUNTY PROPERTY IN OLD VIRGINIA

Census Reports at Washington
Show What Counties Owned
Five Years Ago.

STATE AND COUNTIES' DEBTS

Interesting Statistics That Should
Find Place in Business
Men's Scrap-Books.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 9.—According to figures gathered by the Census Bureau, the value at the close of the year 1902 of the principal salable county possessions, other than sinking fund assets, of the counties of Virginia amounted to \$4,679,645. This was divided as follows:

Assets of investment funds, \$1,000; assets of public trust funds, \$11,710; courthouses, \$1,851,440; jails, \$515,375; asylums, almshouses and hospitals, \$519,975; miscellaneous, \$1,720,145.

Rockingham Leads.
According to the figures Rockingham has the best county improvements of any county in the State. Their total value is placed at \$401,000, of which \$206,000 represents the value of the courthouse, \$40,000 the value of the jail, \$55,000 the value of the almshouse, and \$100,000 the value of the miscellaneous improvements of the county. It may be said, on the authority of one closely conversant with the matter, that these values for Rockingham are higher than is justified by the facts. It is stated that the cost of the courthouse was about \$106,000. The jail cost is correctly represented by the figures. But the value placed on the improvements in Rockingham is probably too high. Of the way, and the value of the other miscellaneous salable possessions of the county are probably nearer to \$50,000 than to \$100,000. Upon this basis the figures of the census seem to be about \$150,000 out of the \$401,000 placed at Rockingham. But even with these deductions its salable possessions would be worth \$250,000, or more than \$100,000 more than those of its closest rival, Augusta county, the total values of whose salable possessions, less sinking fund assets, are placed at \$187,000.

Other Rich Counties.
Halifax county ranks third, according to the census figures, in the matter of salable county possessions, whose aggregate value is placed at \$171,000. Franklin ranks fourth, with salable possessions placed at \$144,000. Norfolk county is fifth, her salable possessions being placed at \$139,000. Other counties as follows: Alleghany, \$115,000; Botetourt, \$110,000; Culpeper, \$105,000; Wythe, \$102,000; Albemarle, \$75,000; Amelia, \$20,000; Bedford, \$25,000; Campbell, \$76,700; Chesterfield, \$29,950; Hanover, \$17,000; Henrico, \$65,000; Rockbridge, \$97,000; Shenandoah, \$56,500.

Rockingham, according to the figures, has the finest courthouse in the State, the value being placed at \$206,000.

SOUTHERN STATES LEAD IN LUMBER

Facts and Figures Showing
Where Timber Comes from
in This Country.

NORTH CAROLINA LEADS ALL

Growth of the Industry for the
Past Forty-Five Years
in the South.

BY WALTER EDWARD HARRIS.
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 13.—Over half a billion dollars is invested in the lumber industry of the United States. The exact figures are \$517,224,128. In the five years from 1900 to 1905, as shown by the latest census bulletins, there was an increase of the capital employed of \$115,566,791, or 29 per cent.

The total value of the lumber products of the States south of the Potomac and Ohio, including West Virginia and Arkansas, in 1870, the first census after the war, was \$25,156,671. Their value at the 1905 census of manufactures was \$231,454,653, an increase of \$206,297,982. The increase by States in the value of products was as follows:

Virginia, \$10,929,805; North Carolina, \$13,731,136; South Carolina, \$3,594,448; West Virginia, \$13,455,093; Georgia, \$10,391,191; Florida, \$8,665,570; Alabama, \$14,589,731; Mississippi, \$21,574,872; Louisiana, \$33,980,347; Tennessee, \$15,169,435; Kentucky, \$10,876,914; Texas, \$14,317,383.

History of the Business.

Prior to 1850 the bulk of the lumber product of the United States was manufactured in the Northeastern States. Down to 1850 the supremacy of that section in the industry was not seriously threatened, and even in 1870 it retained first place in lumber production. A sharp contraction in the value of its lumber output came in the following decade. The actual shrinkage from 1870 to 1880, upwards of nineteen million. The actual gain of \$20,834,006 in value of the lumber product of the northeastern section of the country from 1850 to 1890 was due as much to increase in prices as to increased production. The actual value of the production of this section of the country has not increased materially since 1890, though prices have advanced enormously. Its relative contribution to the product of the entire country has diminished steadily from 18.1 per cent. in 1850 to 16 per cent. in 1905.

The exploitation of the white pine forests of the Lake States, which commenced in 1850, had by 1890 attained a scale of marked proportions, and during the decade ending in 1870 occurred the greatest relative growth of the operations in this region. In 1880 the lakes assumed first place, with a product valued at \$77,664,313, or 23.3 per cent. of the total output of the United States. The development of the industry in this region had been phenomenal, its product having multiplied almost six times between 1850 and

VICTORIA, A NEW VIRGINIA TOWN

Present Western End of Vir-
ginian Railway Expects to
Be Big Town.

HUNDRED ACRES OF LOTS

Will Become a Great Lumber
Shipping Point at an Early
Date.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
MEHERLIN, VA., July 13.—A visit to the new town of Victoria, situated on the Virginian Railway, in Lunenburg county, about fourteen miles east of this place, made on yesterday by your correspondent, shows that rapid strides along all business lines are being made by the business people of this temporary railway terminal. Three large developing companies have cut up and laid off in town lots about fifty acres of land on either side of this new road, and are gradually extending back on each side, and when completed they estimate that there will be laid out one hundred acres laid off in attractive town sites, ready for the various purchasers that have already begun to come to this place seeking a location.

Already Getting in Shape.

In a conversation with the various real estate men who are disposing of these town sites, the fact was elicited that up to this time a large majority of the most desirable lots have been disposed of—that is, those situated on the main streets of the new town—and in many instances business houses have been erected and the usual accommodations found in small country places can be secured here now. In looking over the buildings already completed and those under construction it can easily be seen that they are up to date, large and substantial, as well as attractive. About six stores are already doing business and as many more under construction, while two banks with ample capital have thrown their doors open to the public. An interview with the cashiers of these banks elicited the information that both were doing a nice business.

Other Enterprises.

A large livery stable is under construction and will be completed this week. Two hotels have been opened to the public, and both are full continually. Altogether, the entire town is a scene of activity. A large manufacturing plant has been erected near the depot for lumber, and a large planing mill is now under construction, and will be in operation within a few weeks, while the Edgerton Lumber Company, situated about ten miles south of this place, are preparing to build a line of railroad from their huge plant to get their product to this point, where it will be dried and manufactured ready for market. The contractors are busy grading the site for the new depot and offices for this terminus. Large stone-crushers and

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REAL ESTATE AND BUILDING NEWS

City Agents Are Enjoying
Holiday While Subur-
banites are Hunting.

SMALL PROPERTY IN ACTIVE DEMAND

Activity of the Suburbs Unusual,
but Shows How the Minds of
Home-Seekers Are Tending
in These Days
of Rapid
Transit.

The midsummer dullness continues in real estate circles and very little business, comparatively speaking, was done in the city during the past week. "It is no duller than is usual at this season of the year," said a well-known real estate dealer yesterday, "but the fact is that very little business is doing."

The total sales for the week were less than \$50,000, and everything that was sold was on the small order. Several small houses were sold in the eastern part of the city, and the demand for such houses is pronounced. There are more people who want to buy small homes, ranging in price from \$1,500 to \$3,000, than there are sellers. Anything in this line that may be offered for sale will find ready buyers.

In Spite of Summer Dullness.

The auction sales for the week were few and far between. There were only three offerings, and neither of them resulted in a sale. In each case the property offered was taken in. Renters are getting anxious about their fall arrangements; that is, such of them as have not yet secured quarters. The fact is that quarters are now very hard to secure. The scarcity of houses for rent is very pronounced, as has been set forth in this column before.

But summer dullness is usually looked for at this season of the year, as most investors are looking forward to their vacation in the mountains or at the seashore, rather than for real estate investments. In spite of unfavorable circumstances, it must be a warm day or very cold day when the average real estate man is not doing something, and quite a number of private deals have been consummated during the past week, full particulars of which are somewhat hard to arrive at.

The Times-Dispatch was informed that among the private deals consummated during the past week was the sale of a very handsome West Grace Street dwelling by J. Thompson Brown & Co., for \$10,500. A call on these gentlemen for particulars was in the nature of a waterhail, for while they admitted that a sale had been made, they did not feel at liberty to give the name of either purchaser or seller; but would only corroborate that fact as to the sale being made and stated that the purchaser bought the house for his own occupancy.

The same firm also reports the sale of a Lee District home for \$5,250, and a Park Avenue lot at \$3,300.

Story of Recent Sale.

One of the recent real estate sales of importance was that of the well known property, the old Burgwyn home, at the southeast corner of Main and Third Streets, the Main Street portion of which has for years been occupied as headquarters of the Post A. T. P. A. It may not be known to the general public as yet, but it is a fact, however, that Deyer & Ramsey produced the purchaser for this property in the person of Mr. M. L. Hoffheimer, of this city. The property was first offered at auction, but the bid was not satisfactory.

Pending other negotiations Mr. Ramsey, being a close friend of several of the interested parties, was requested by them to make an effort to secure a price for the property, which he succeeded in doing. Mr. Hoffheimer authorized Deyer & Ramsey to make the purchase at \$16,000, and that firm now has the management of the property, having just closed a lease with the T. P. A. for their quarters, also with Dr. R. L. Simpson for No. 1 South Third Street, a part of the property.

Better Business in Suburbs.

Dullness in the city seems to mean activity in the suburbs. At any rate, the agents who hold suburban property have been doing more business the past week than those who handle city property exclusively. The week has been an extra good one for the Ginter Park people. The company has made several very excellent sales to clients who contemplate making substantial improvements.

This property continues to grow in popularity, and is a community of real homes. The high elevation is of very material advantage, as it insures excellent drainage and cool breezes, both of which are essential to health and comfort.

A well-located suburban home is far more satisfactory in many respects than a city home in this locality, and the desire of people who are availing themselves of the opportunity to locate on the highlands beyond the city limits is growing rapidly.

For the business man who is closely confined all day, it affords a welcome change, and the freedom of outdoor life is the best restorative for shattered nerves or tired brains.

Fresh vegetables, fruit and flowers from one's own premises are to be had in the suburbs at slight cost of either time or money, and will repay the effort to produce them.

The conveniences, combined with the country's advantages in a most happy manner, and the social life is very attractive. Most of the purchases have been made by the younger generation of Richmonders, who are familiar with the best suburbs of other cities, and who appreciate the beauty and the possibilities of Ginter Park.

Highland Park Active.

Notwithstanding the extreme hot weather the past couple of weeks, lot-selling has gone along steadily in